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## GIGA ANNUAL REPORT 2015





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# PREFACE

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Dear Readers

We received the results of our Leibniz evaluation last year, which commended the GIGA “for developing outstandingly in recent years.” We were proud of the strong support that the report expresses for all the work that our research and support staff do at the GIGA. But we did not rest on our laurels.

Internally, through intensive discussions and debate, we developed the concept of “truly global research” that will help bring together our diverse projects and agendas under a shared umbrella. We sharpened our profile with a recalibration of our research programmes to use existing complementarities and develop new synergies. We revamped our GIGA Focus series with the aim of improving the accessibility of our scholarship for practitioners and other relevant constituencies. Our scholars continued to publish in highly-ranked academic outlets.

Externally, we broadened and deepened our interactions with practitioners, particularly with the Federal Foreign Office. Our major contributions to enhancing Hamburg as an international intellectual hub included our new Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series and our inaugural Global Transitions Conference. We were also very pleased to launch our collaboration with NDR, the North German broadcasting corporation, on a new programme series where foreign correspondents and GIGA scholars discuss key topical issues together.

This Annual Report presents some of the highlights of 2015.

**Prof. Dr. Amrita Narlikar, DPhil (Oxon), PhD (Cantab)**  
**President of the GIGA**



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## HIGHLIGHTS

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# HIGHLIGHTS 2015

## OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN LEIBNIZ EVALUATION

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The GIGA was awarded superb marks after its evaluation by the Leibniz Association and a group of international experts in late 2014. The final report concludes that the GIGA "has developed outstandingly in recent years" and that its performance in research and knowledge transfer is "very good and, in part, excellent."

[www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/leibniz-evaluation](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/leibniz-evaluation)

## FIRST MAYOR WELCOMES GIGA PRESIDENT AMRITA NARLIKAR

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Senator Dr. Dorothee  
Stapelfeldt,  
Prof. Dr. Amrita Narlikar  
and First Mayor  
Olaf Scholz



In a Senate reception on 28 January 2015 Hamburg First Mayor Olaf Scholz welcomed Amrita Narlikar, who became the new president of the GIGA in October 2014. Scholz said, "It is an honour for the GIGA, the University of Hamburg, and our city to have someone of Professor Narlikar's high calibre and level of experience as part of our academic community here in Hamburg. The institute's close cooperation with the Senate of Hamburg and the Federal Foreign Office can greatly benefit the GIGA's work. I'm certain that scholarship in the city of Hamburg will profit greatly from her input."

[www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/rising-powers-could-take-over-more-responsibility](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/rising-powers-could-take-over-more-responsibility)

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## GLOBAL TRANSITIONS CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL ORDER

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The first Global Transitions Conference, part of a new series of high-level symposia launched by the GIGA with financial support from the Federal Foreign Office, was held on 3 and 4 December. The inaugural conference was entitled “Negotiating the Future: Visions of Global Order.”

[www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/giga-global-transitions-conference-2015](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/giga-global-transitions-conference-2015)

## TOP INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS IN NEW LECTURE SERIES

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The GIGA Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series aims to bring the best minds in academia and policy to Hamburg to stimulate public exchange on key global developments. The new event format has been made possible by financial support from the Federal Foreign Office. At the invitation of First Mayor Olaf Scholz, Prof. Jagdish Bhagwati (Columbia University; see picture) gave the inaugural lecture, “Trade Issues Today: WTO, Transatlantic, and Transpacific Agreements,” at Hamburg City Hall. At two further events, the speakers were Prof. Padma Desai (also from Columbia University) on Putin’s Russia and Prof. Louis W. Pauly (University of Toronto) on global finance.

[www.giga-hamburg.de/en/events/giga-dsls](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/events/giga-dsls)

Prof. Jagdish  
Bhagwati

## HIGHLIGHTS 2015

### WORLD REGIONS COMPARED: MAJOR DVPW MEETING HELD AT THE GIGA

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The German Political Science Association (Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft, DVPW) held the 2015 conference of its Comparative Political Science Section at the GIGA in February. More than 200 scholars attended the event, entitled "World Regions Compared: Polity, Politics, and Policy".

[www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/dvpw](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/dvpw)

### SCHOLARS AND JOURNALISTS "CROSS BORDERS"

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Prof. Dr. Heike  
Holbig at the first  
Border Crossers event



A new event series called "Grenzgänger – Auslands-korrespondenten treffen Wissenschaftler" ("Border Crossers – Foreign Correspondents Connecting with Scholars") kicked off in November. A co-creation of the GIGA and the NDR (Northern German Broadcasting, one of the largest radio and television broadcasters in Germany), the format brings together GIGA researchers and journalists from the NDR and other media outlets. It thus combines the strengths of scholarship and journalism. The first event addressed the political situation in China, focussing on environmental and climate change issues ("China – dicke Luft im Reich der Mitte").

[www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/journalism-and-scholarship-converge-in-hamburg](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/journalism-and-scholarship-converge-in-hamburg)

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## MARIANA LLANOS WINS APSA'S FOUNDERS AWARD

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Dr. Mariana Llanos

GIGA scholar Mariana Llanos and her Brazilian co-author Magna Inácio won the prestigious Founders Award from the American Political Science Association (APSA). The award honoured them for their paper "The Institutional Presidency in Latin America: A Comparative Analysis," which was presented at APSA's 2014 Annual Meeting.

[www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/founders-award](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/founders-award)

## FIFTIETH VOLUME OF AFRICA SPECTRUM PUBLISHED

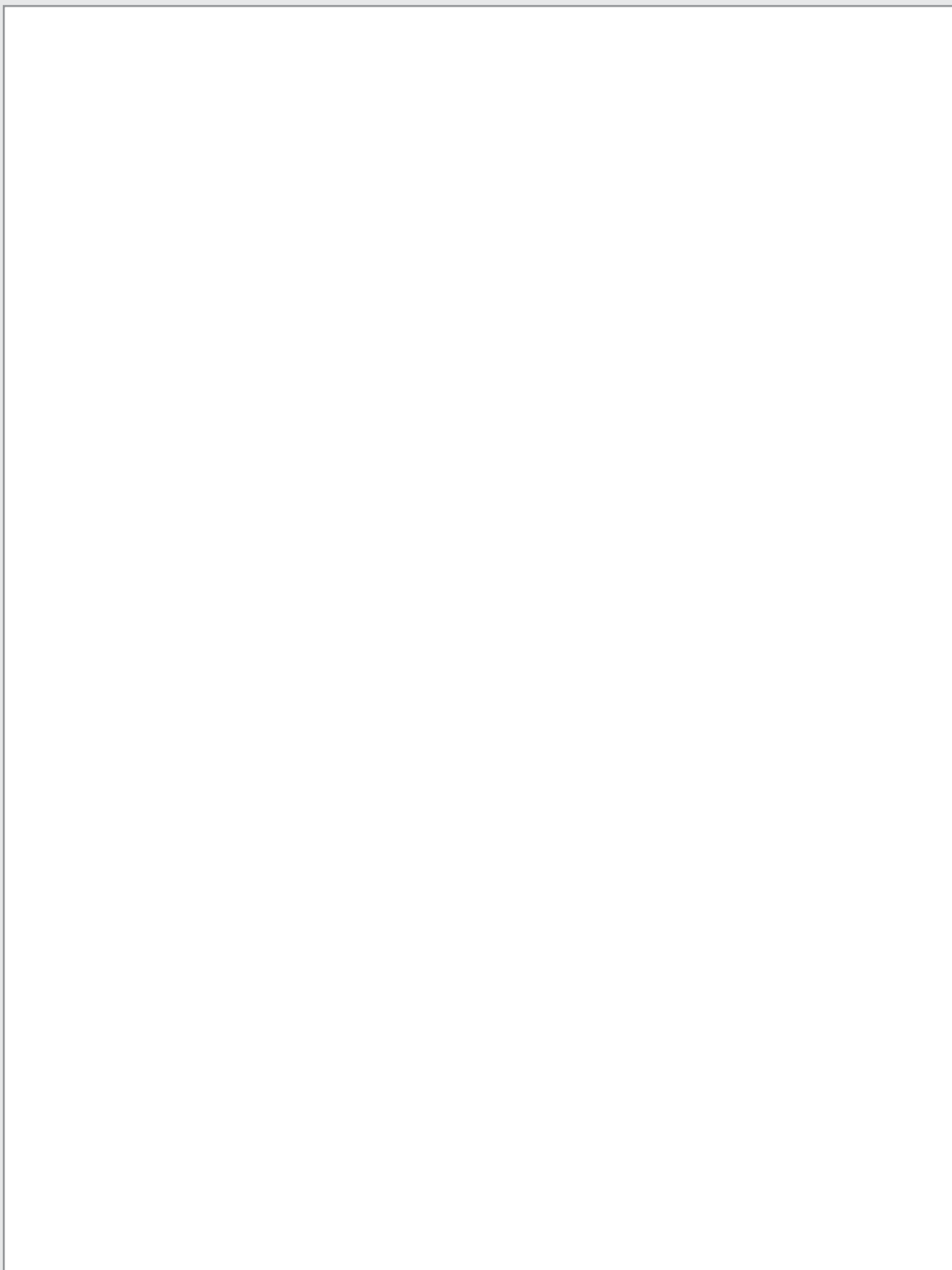
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The first issue of the GIGA's renowned open access journal Africa Spectrum was published in 1966, making 2015 the fiftieth year of the periodical's existence. The journal, listed in Thomson Reuters' SSCI Index, focuses on topics related to political, economic, and sociocultural problems and events in sub-Saharan Africa, as well as on Africa's role within the international system. Since 2003 Africa Spectrum has been collaborating with the African Studies Association in Germany (Vereinigung für Afrikanistikwissenschaften in Deutschland, VAD). The Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in Uppsala (Sweden) has co-edited the journal since 2009.

[www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/africa-spectrum-celebrates-its-50th-annual](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/africa-spectrum-celebrates-its-50th-annual)





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RESEARCH

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## RESEARCH AT THE GIGA



Figure 1: GIGA Research Matrix 2015



Prof. Dr.  
Amrita Narlikar,  
DPhil (Oxon),  
PhD (Cantab),  
President of the  
GIGA

We were delighted to read in the 2015 Leibniz evaluation report that the GIGA “has developed outstandingly in recent years” and that its performance is rated as “very good and, in part, excellent”. Building on the strengths highlighted by the reviewers – in-depth area expertise on Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East; Comparative Area Studies; interdisciplinary research on topics of both academic and political relevance – we have been further sharpening our academic profile since then.

Research at the GIGA is driven by the conviction that in an increasingly global-

ised world, scholarship also has to become truly global. To fulfil this ambition, we believe it is critical that we take into account the philosophical traditions and historical experiences of the regions, and advance a well-informed, inclusive, and pluralistic approach to scholarship and policy. Dealing with the causal forces and repercussions of the manifold transitions we are witnessing in the world today requires an approach that is global in content, global in reach and global in structure.

An approach that is “global in content” requires us to work closely with the intel-

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lectual experiences and empirical realities of the regions of our study, and no longer allow the marginalisation of the so-called “rest” from the mainstream debates in research and policy. This does not mean being “critical” for the sake of it, but engaging with theoretical and empirical content from the regions on its own terms. The two key words are inclusiveness and pluralism in our scholarship, while remaining uncompromising on international standards of excellence. We are cognisant of the risks involved in adopting such an approach (see GIGA Focus Global 1/2016). But we also believe that the GIGA is uniquely well equipped to take on these challenges, given its long-standing expertise on and close collaboration with the above-mentioned world regions (see pages 18-25). The methodological toolkit is eclectic and depends on the particular research question, but is guided by four principles: comparative research (inter-, intra-, and cross-regional comparisons), multi-level analysis (local, national, regional, and global), interdisciplinarity, and a pluralistic worldview. GIGA researchers are interested in concepts that are specific to a region and also travel beyond the region. Our topics include new forms of violence and conflict that have emerged since the end of the East–West conflict, opportunities and constraints posed by a globalised economy, different types and levels of socio-political dynamics that can be observed in democratic and non-demo-

cratic regimes, and the reconfiguration of power in the international system that influences global policy making.

We are committed to conducting research that is “global in reach”. We live and breathe the Leibniz motto “*theoria cum praxi*” in many of our outreach activities. Research-based policy advice and knowledge transfer to the wider public are essential elements of our mandate. Our research findings are published in the top peer-reviewed academic journals and university publishing houses, and our outreach activities also include three well-established open-access publication series and impactful public and exclusive events in Hamburg and Berlin, as part of our regional Research Platforms, and in other diverse forums within Germany and abroad.

The GIGA is already an institute of international standing, and we seek to enhance this by promoting research that is “global in structure”. We train junior scholars from all over the world, and we have a policy of international recruitment at all levels. We foster an institutional culture that appreciates diversity through an equal opportunity strategy defined in the broadest sense of the term.

Through its global approach to scholarship, the GIGA aims to serve as an intellectual bridge between theory and practice, and also between theories, frameworks and cases from different parts of the world.

# INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS



Apl. Prof. Dr.  
Jann Lay

Sub-Saharan Africa was free of disproportionate crises in 2015. The unexpectedly peaceful presidential elections in Nigeria can be seen as an important milestone towards greater political stability. Continued economic growth in many countries despite falling commodity prices may indicate that economic performance is more robust than it used to be.

With the exception of some countries in the Horn of Africa and a certain degree of economically motivated emigration from Western Africa, the current refugee crisis in Europe is not being fuelled by sub-Saharan Africa – most refugees fleeing from violent conflict and political instability in Africa stay in their respective subregions.

Yet, this does not imply that the continent no longer faces tremendous challenges. For example, migration pressure continues to be an issue in Africa. Eritrea, in particular, produces a high number of refugees – the causes of which have

been looked into by the Institute of African Affairs (IAA). Political turmoil was also an issue on the continent in 2015. The IAA covered not only Nigeria's presidential elections but also internal strife in the country. For instance, the role of Boko Haram was discussed in a GIGA Forum, while IAA researchers also investigated the role of oil in fuelling conflict and found that locations with oil infrastructure experience significantly more violence than others. The IAA also examined aspects of the termination and aftermath of violent conflict, specifically the topical issues of peace negotiations, power sharing, and institutional reform.

Unfortunately, Nigeria's peaceful transition of power remains an exception rather than the rule in Africa. One case in point that has been carefully followed by the IAA is Burundi, where street protests followed the incumbent president's decision to renew his candidacy in violation of the term limit. This particular situation is

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exemplary of authoritarian regimes' attempts to consolidate power by using formal, but hollow, democratic rules and interfering with judiciaries that are only independent on paper. Such developments receive due attention by the IAA.

The GIGA's Africa Spectrum celebrated its fiftieth birthday with an anniversary issue and, according to the Thomson Reuters' Journal Citation Report, was once again amongst the ten most important journals in area studies.

As in previous years, the IAA hosted the secretariat of the African Studies Association (VAD).

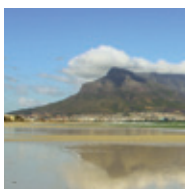
In June the GIGA held a symposium to commemorate the life and scholarly achievements of the late Gero Erdmann, who sadly passed away in June 2014. The symposium highlighted Erdmann's deep footprints in the literature on neopatrimonialism, parties, and party systems in Africa, as well as on democratisation and democracy promotion. Colleagues and former

collaborators revisited some of his work and viewed it from the perspective of recent findings in the literature.

Two Alexander von Humboldt fellows, Guilia Piccolino and Nkwachukwu Orji, enriched the IAA's academic environment in 2015: Piccolino shed light on the characteristics of victor's peace and justice in Rwanda and Cote D'Ivoire, while Orji began developing a cross-national survey of the reports of international election observation missions in Africa and continued to be a key resource person for events in Nigeria.

The IAA leadership changed in October 2015, with Jann Lay becoming acting director of the IAA following Andreas Mehler's departure. Mehler, who was a member of the GIGA's executive board and had been the IAA director since 2002, accepted the role of director of the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute in Freiburg and professor for development theory and development policy at the University of Freiburg.

## RESEARCH PLATFORM IN SOUTH AFRICA INITIATED



The GIGA's South Africa research platform began to take shape in the course of 2015. The platform intends to pursue a strategy of working with selected excellent partners in South Africa and beyond on topical issues of joint interest. These issues will be addressed at joint high-level events that will feature GIGA research, link to regional debates, and address a variety of key audiences. The first international workshop, on inequality and middle-class development in Africa, took place in early 2016 in collaboration with the University of Cape Town. The activities also include regular stays of GIGA researchers in South Africa.

Table Mountain  
in Cape Town

# INSTITUTE OF ASIAN STUDIES



Prof. Dr.  
Patrick Köllner

The regional mandate of the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) extends from Mongolia to New Zealand. The IAS's traditionally strong focus on China has in recent years been complemented by a growing focus on India. In fact, in late 2015 the IAS had more researchers working on India than on China.

Both China and India experts at the IAS were in high demand in 2015 given the economic and regional challenges facing China and India in their quest to sustain their growth trajectories and boost their international roles.

Whenever possible, the IAS strives to bring relevant subregional expertise together. A particular highlight in this regard in 2015 was an international conference and a policy roundtable on the impact of China's and India's rise on regional and international competition and cooperation. Held in Hamburg and Berlin, respectively, and organised in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the

Zeit Foundation, these events brought together scholars and policymakers from China, Germany, India, New Zealand, and the United States. Under the "Changing Asia" title, similar events are planned to take place in Germany, China, India, and the United States.

In 2015 third party-funded projects at the IAS examined, inter alia, ideological change and regime legitimation in China (funding: BMBF), governance models and discourses in China (funding: DFG), and the role of civil society organisations in authoritarian Vietnam, Algeria, and Mozambique (funding: DFG). Transnational practices shaping the encounters and experiences of West African traders with urban Chinese modernity (funding: DFG) and the science and technology policy programmes of the Chinese government (funding: BMBF) were also among the topics of third party-funded research projects.

Funding from the Claussen Simon Foundation for a professorship in econom-

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ics came to an end in 2015, with professor Erich Gundlach joining the GIGA on an institutional basis in the summer.

IAS scholars presented their work at various international conferences, with a particular strong showing at the International Studies Association Conference in New Orleans. The IAS itself hosted the 2015 gathering of the European Alliance for Asian Studies.

IAS scholars published well over 20 articles in 2015 in international peer-reviewed journals such as the *China Quarterly*. They were also heavily engaged in knowledge transfer – be it through media interventions, public-interest publications such as *Internationale Politik*'s special issue on India, or participation in prominent Hamburg-based events such as India Week.

In terms of staff, the IAS saw some coming and going in 2015. Sandra Destradi spent the better part of the year at the European University Institute in Florence,

conducting research on reluctance in international relations, focussing on the regional powers India and Germany. Pascal Abb received a fellowship and analysed the media strategies of Chinese foreign policy think tanks during his stay at National Chengchi University in Taipei.

The IAS bade farewell to Nele Noesselt, who became a full professor at the University of Duisburg-Essen, and to Nicola Nyholm, who joined the Swedish Institute of International Affairs. Miriam Prys-Hansen and Sandra Destradi served as acting professors at the Helmut Schmidt University in Hamburg.

The IAS welcomed Jessica Wilczak from the University of Toronto, who joined the research project on West African–Chinese interactions, and also a number of visiting scholars from the United Kingdom, the United States, and various parts of Asia – including three young researchers from the Republic of Korea on Korea Foundation fellowships.

## GIGA RESEARCH PLATFORMS IN ASIA BEGIN OPERATING



The CCTV Tower  
in Beijing

Conferences, workshops, and two-way personnel exchanges are at the core of GIGA research-platform activities in Asia. In Tokyo Iris Wieczorek represents not only the GIGA but the Leibniz Association as a whole. In late 2015 Pascal Abb became “the GIGA’s man in Beijing.” His job includes the preparation of a joint GIGA–Tsinghua University workshop on think tanks in Asia. In 2015 the GIGA also joined forces with the Institute of Strategic Studies in Ulaanbaatar and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation to run the German–Mongolian Dialogue on International Relations and Security in Central Asia and East Asia.



# INSTITUTE OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES



Prof. Dr.  
Detlef Nolte

Economic crisis, social protests, and political change characterised Latin America in 2015. As a result of falling commodity prices, most economies exhibited low or even negative (e.g. Brazil) growth rates. There were widespread protests against economic mismanagement and corruption. Some governments were punished by the voters. The Guatemalan president, Otto Pérez, was forced to resign and went to jail. In Brazil protesters demanded an impeachment of president Dilma Rousseff, and in Argentina in November the electorate voted the Peronists out of government. One month later, in Venezuela the opposition against president Maduro won the elections for Congress by a compelling majority.

In international politics the rapprochement between the United States and Cuba continued, symbolised by the handshake between Presidents Barack Obama and Raúl Castro during the Summit of the Americas in Panama. This realignment

also led to more German governmental activities in Cuba. Bert Hoffmann advised the Federal Foreign Office in the run-up to Foreign Minister Steinmeier's visit to Cuba. Despite the economic slowdown in Latin America, China increased its presence as a trading partner, investor, and lender. China's engagement was a topic at the second EU–CELAC summit in Brussels in July.

In November the ILAS organised an international conference titled "China, Latin America and the EU – A Triangular Relationship?" in cooperation with the EU-LAC Foundation and the CAF Development Bank of Latin America.

The ongoing peace process in Colombia was another topic of major interest at the ILAS. Sabine Kurtenbach and Angelika Rettberg (Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá) started a joint project on war economies and postwar crime (funding: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation). The two years project kicked off with an in-

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ternational conference held in Bogotá in October.

The Prior Consultation and Conflict Transformation in Resource Governance project (funding: German Foundation for Peace Research) coordinated by Almut Schilling-Vacaflor came to an end in 2015, having examined the exploitation of natural resources and protests against mining ventures. The results of the aforementioned endeavours were published in Third World Quarterly, the Journal of Latin American Studies, and the Canadian Journal of Development Studies.

A new research project on ethnic voting in Latin America (funding: DFG) started in 2015. In addition, two DAAD-funded projects in cooperation with Latin American partner universities got underway in 2015. The first, The Institutional Presidency in Latin America, is coordinated by Mariana Llanos and Magna Inácio (Federal University of Minas Gerais). In fact, Llanos and Inácio won the American Po-

litical Science Association's 2015 Founders Award for their article on this project topic. The second, Colombia in the Face of Brazilian Power Projection, is coordinated by Daniel Flandes in cooperation with the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá.

In 2015 the ILAS hosted Santiago Basabe (FLACSO Quito) and Cecilia Roa (Fundación Evaristo García, Cali), both Alexander von Humboldt fellows, Diana Tussie (FLACSO Buenos Aires), and Kai Enno Lehmann (Universidade de São Paulo).

Daniela García finished her doctoral thesis "Solar Energy and the Problem of Path Dependency in Costa Rica's Energy System" and is now a researcher at the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica. Mariana Carpes – who compared the nuclear policies of Brazil, India, and South Africa in her doctoral thesis – is now a postdoctoral research fellow at the Universidade de Brasília.

## RIO RESEARCH PLATFORM: STRONG PARTNERS, GLOBAL RESEARCH

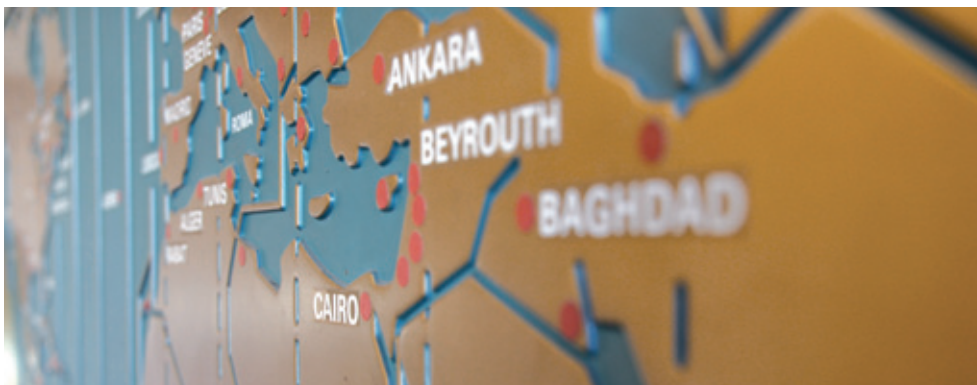


The GIGA has a strategic partnership with the Institute of International Relations at the Pontificia Universidade Católica, Rio de Janeiro, which closely cooperates with the BRICS Policy Center. Another close partner is Brazil's most important think tank, the Fundação Getulio Vargas. In 2015 Bert Hoffmann conducted a research stay in Rio as part of a project on Brazilian–Cuban relations. Daniel Flandes studied relations between Colombia and Brazil. And Detlef Nolte participated in a conference on the future of the IBSA Forum. In addition, Rio-based researchers attended a conference in Hamburg on China in Latin America.

Museu de Arte Contemporânea,  
Rio de Janeiro

# INSTITUTE OF MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

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Prof. Dr.  
Henner Fürtig

The Middle East and North Africa experienced another annus horribilis in 2015: The civil wars in Syria, Yemen, and Libya escalated. Terror shocked Iraq on an almost daily basis. And the Islamic State (IS) and its offshoots were able to expand their activities due to both the lack of state authority and international and regional meddling. Despite some military setbacks, the IS retained considerable fighting prowess, which was mainly due to the disunity of its adversaries. Russia's military intervention only added to the complexity. The main sufferers of this chaotic situation were once again the Syrian people – more than half a million of whom fled to Europe alone, making the Syrian crisis an immediate European problem.

In contrast, the biggest positive milestone of 2015 in the region was undoubtedly the nuclear deal with Iran, which settled a 12-year-long international crisis. The agreement prevents Tehran from developing a nuclear device but allows the coun-

try to return to the international arena. However, the prospect of an Iranian recovery triggered protest, especially on the Arabian peninsula. Under King Salman bin Abdulaziz, who succeeded the throne in January, Saudi Arabia has become entangled in a region-wide battle for influence with Iran and has also developed a much more proactive foreign policy and intervened militarily in Yemen.

Institute of Middle East Studies (IMES) scholars addressed these issues in a number of research projects. Within the International Diffusion and Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes (IDCAR) network, they cooperated with the top international experts to investigate the continued resolve of authoritarianism and autocratic regimes. IMES researchers also tackled the subject of poverty – one of the main scourges of the Middle East – within the context of the NOPOOR project and the Poverty and Inequality Dynamics and the Role of Social Policies project.

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In addition, IMES scholars continued to examine the causes of civil war in the project *From Civil War to Social Contract: State Services, Political Trust, and Political Violence*. They found that the overall disappointing outcomes of the Arab Spring produced more questions than answers, which they are addressing in a separate project that compares the post-Arab Spring situations of the Tunisian elite and the Egyptian elite.

The IMES's long-standing focus on political Islam was extended by third party-funded research on the Muslim Brotherhood and Salafism. At the end of 2015 the German Peace Foundation agreed to fund a project on the causes of the Syrian refugee crisis.

As in previous years, all the results of IMES research were published in books and prominent international academic journals, such as *Democratization*, the *Journal of Peace Research*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Studies in Conflict*

and *Terrorism*, the *Middle East Journal*, and *Middle East Policy*. Moreover, IMES scholars participated in the most important national and international conferences within their disciplines, hosted various guest scholars, and established research platforms in Beirut and Tunis (see box below).

The IMES expanded its broad activities in the field of knowledge transfer and political consultation. IMES staff contributed to politico-economic short analyses (PÖK) and the Crisis Indicator Measurement (KiK) for the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), penned GIGA Focus articles, participated in GIGA Forum events in Hamburg and GIGA Talks in Berlin. Also, they frequently met with diplomats from the Federal Foreign Office, parliamentarians, and other practitioners. IMES scholars also gave more than 100 interviews to leading German and international media outlets.

## DOING RESEARCH WITH MIDDLE EASTERN INSTITUTIONS

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In order to establish ongoing cooperation with researchers and practitioners from the Middle East and North Africa, the IMES established research platforms at the prominent Lebanese American University in Beirut, Lebanon, and the pro-democracy Observatoire Tunisien de la Transition Democratique in Tunis, Tunisia. While the research platform in Beirut was launched with an international conference in November on “Recent Wars in the Middle East”, the Tunis activities started, also in November, with a symposium on “Political Representation in North Africa”.

Residential area between the American University and the lighthouse in Beirut

## LEGITIMACY AND EFFICIENCY OF POLITICAL SYSTEMS



Dr. Mariana Llanos

Research Programme 1 (RP1) carried out a number of projects on various sociopolitical dynamics in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East during 2015. Authoritarian politics was once more a central area of our research. The International Diffusion and Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes (IDCAR) Network (funding: Leibniz Association) continued its work on the international dimensions of authoritarian rule and convened its second network conference in Austin, Texas, to discuss the question of whether ideologies or interests drive the cooperation of authoritarian regimes. One finding was that authoritarian great powers do not pursue an agenda of autocracy promotion in order to export a specific regime type, but rather to bolster strategically important and like-minded regimes in their neighbourhoods.

Two additional projects contributed to research on non-democratic regimes. The first, *Civil Society Organizations as Supporters of Authoritarian Rule? A Cross-Re-*

*gional Comparison* (funding: DFG), presented its initial findings at several conferences and at two dissemination events in Hamburg and Berlin. A GIGA Working Paper on Vietnam, a GIGA Focus article, and a comprehensive annotated bibliography on the subject were also published in 2015.

The second, *Governance in China* (funding: BMBF), resulted in the publication of *Governance and Adaptation of the Chinese Communist Party: A Comparative Perspective* – a collection of Chinese-language contributions from project members and Chinese collaboration partners.

Another RP1 research focus in 2015 was political participation and electoral politics. The interdisciplinary projects *Prior Consultation and Conflict Transformation in Resource Governance: Bolivia and Peru* (funding: DSF) and *Extracting Justice? Exploring the Role of FPIC and Consultation, and Compensation Related to Socio-*

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environmental Conflicts in Latin America (funding: Research Council of Norway) investigated diverse forms of participation amongst local communities affected by resource extraction projects. In a workshop at the GIGA, distinguished international scholars and representatives from Latin America, extraction corporations, and civil society organisations discussed the DSF project findings, which include a database of the procedures and results of over 200 processes of prior consultation and public consultation in Bolivia and Peru.

Since early 2015, the Ethnic Voting in Latin America project (funding: DFG) has seen RP1 scholars scrutinising voting levels amongst different ethnic groups in Latin America and attempting to explain variance across groups, countries, and time. This is a comparative study that uses a period of analysis covering 25–30 years of free and (relatively) fair elections. The Politics beyond Borders project (fund-

ing: DFG) examines the policies migrant-sending countries adopt to reach out to their emigrants. Focusing on Latin America and the Caribbean, this project has mapped extant policies and compiled 22 comprehensive country reports. By coding these data, RP1 researchers have been able to draw up an original emigrant policies indicator, which is the basis for cross-country comparisons.

RP1 scholars were also involved in finishing stages of the cross-disciplinary, comparative ANTICORRP project (funding: EU FP7), which included delivering research reports on the nature and impact of EU development assistance to selected neighbouring countries and two African countries. The reports reveal the varying emphasis in the European Union's promotion of good governance and anti-corruption as well as the limits of its influence.

As of 2016, RP1 will be known as Accountability and Participation.

## THE EBB AND FLOW OF JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

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From Venezuela to Nigeria, courts experienced renewed episodes of coercion and encroachment by powerful executives in 2015. Between 2011 and 2015 the ebb and flow of judicial independence was the subject of analysis of the project Judicial (In)dependence in New Democracies (funding:

Leibniz Association). Two articles published in 2015 highlighted the existing mechanisms of formal and informal political interference: “Informal Interference in the Judiciary in New Democracies” in *Democratization* (Llanos et al. 2015) and “Institutional Diffusion, Strategic Insurance and the Creation of West African Constitutional Courts” in *Comparative Politics* (Stroh and Heyl 2015). [www.giga-hamburg.de/en/project/judicial-independence-in-new-democracies](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/project/judicial-independence-in-new-democracies)

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## VIOLENCE AND SECURITY



Dr. Christian  
von Soest

The Syrian civil war, which led to millions of Syrians fleeing the country, the rise of the so-called Islamic State, and the tensions in Ukraine were amongst the most severe international crises in the year 2015. There were glimmers of hope, however, provided by the rapprochement between Cuba and the United States and the successful negotiations between the P5+1 group (permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany) and Iran over the country's nuclear programme, which led to the lifting of international sanctions.

In their work during 2015, Research Programme 2 (RP2) scholars addressed these and other issues. For example, they looked at state formation processes – particularly colonial state building – and the suitability of political institutions in managing violent conflict. They also conducted fieldwork in South Sudan, the Central African Republic, and Somalia – all of which are characterized by extremely limited statehood – and examined security provisions

in the peripheries of these African countries.

Other RP2 researchers provided new insights into how consultations and conflict transformations shape political and social relations in areas with abundant natural resources. By comparing the Cases of Peru and Bolivia, they found out that power asymmetries, a lack of intercultural understanding, biased pro-extraction information, weak follow-up mechanisms and the resistance of both states to establish binding compromises with local populations have limited the effectiveness of indigenous participation.

RP2 scholars also examined the relationship between religion and violent conflict, which saw them present a new dataset on religion and conflict in developing countries and publish on the rise of the Islamic State caliphate.

They also looked at political Islam in the Middle East, which – in several research projects – involved a deeper anal-

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ysis of Salafist groups. Their efforts have contributed to a better understanding of the escalating but also mitigating function religion plays in violent and social conflicts.

RP2 researchers had their results published in leading international journals, such as the *Journal of Peace Research*, the *European Journal of Political Research*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Political Geography*, *Asian Journal of Peacebuilding*, and *Political Research Quarterly*.

They also shared their findings with policy-makers and practitioners through various outreach events, regular appearances in leading media outlets, and politico-economic short analyses (PÖK) and the Crisis Indicator Catalogue (KiK), which they contribute to on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). RP2 researchers also participated in a conference titled “Wars and Wars’ Ending in the Post-2011

Middle East” in Beirut (see IMES section of this report), which explained the increasing outbreak of wars in the region in the post-Arab Spring period and how further spillover of armed conflict can be prevented.

In terms of leadership, 2015 was a year of transition. In May 2015 Christian von Soest was appointed head of RP2, taking over from Matthias Basedau, who had successfully led the programme since its inception in 2005.

In line with the overall sharpening of the GIGA’s research agenda, the RP2 consolidation process led to the creation of three new research teams – namely Identities, Ideology, and Conflict (spokesperson: Annette Ranko), Institutions for Sustainable Peace (spokesperson: Franzisca Zanker), and Interventions and Security (spokesperson: Sandra Destradi). These changes came into effect in 2016 along with RP2’s name change to Peace and Security.

## HOW DO TARGETED REGIMES WITHSTAND EXTERNAL SANCTIONS?



The conflict between the West and Russia demonstrates that international sanctions are a key foreign-policy tool to address undesired behaviour. The *Ineffective Sanctions?* project, led by Christian von Soest, investigates domestic responses to external pressure. It finds that democratic sanctions (those which aim to strengthen democracy and human rights) are often more successful than previously thought. Yet, sanctions strengthen authoritarian rulers who promote strong ideologies and manage to integrate external pressure into their legitimization narratives. Project period: 2011–2016. Funding: Thyssen Foundation. [www.giga-hamburg.de/en/project/ineffective-sanctions](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/project/ineffective-sanctions)

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## SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBALISATION



Apl. Prof. Dr.  
Jann Lay

Redistribution and poverty alleviation policies are not always chosen for reasons of equity and efficiency; such choices may also be influenced by political motivations. Research Programme 3 (RP3) scholars have focused on how politics may distort the adoption and implementation of pro-poor policies. In addition, they have explored whether social policies have any effect on citizens' political behaviour. If such an effect were to be found, it would explain why political leaders use or prefer certain pro-poor policies. These questions are critical for poverty reduction in developing countries, as the politics behind pro-poor policies may reduce the effectiveness of such policies.

RP3 researchers have found that democratic governments redistribute more than autocratic rulers through pro-poor transfers. This is especially important in view of previous inconclusive empirical findings based on the usual proxies of government expenditure, tax revenue, and

social spending. Comparing social transfer policies in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East suggests that conditional transfer programmes are more likely to be chosen under more democratic regimes. They are rarely shaped by political motives, but rather by interests of long-term economic development.

There is some evidence that autocracies tend to approve more specific and targeted transfer schemes than do democracies. This supports the hypothesis that these transfers are used to buy off opposition and prevent social unrest. Thus, pro-poor policies may act as a tool to please voters and buy public support. There is evidence that in addition to increasing support for incumbents in elections, conditional cash transfers (e.g. in Mali and Ghana) can lead to a decrease in citizens' non-electoral political participation – for example, in demonstrations or in political parties. Furthermore, social policy implementation may also be affected by political motives. An analysis

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of the distribution of social funds in Kenya backs the hypothesis that pro-poor policy is not only based on neediness criteria but also designed to manipulate voters. This research on the political economy of pro-poor policies is part of the NOPOOR project ([www.nopoor.eu](http://www.nopoor.eu)) (funding: EU).

RP3 has been actively engaged in discussions on the sustainable development goals (SDGs). Decent work for all is a central part of the vision and goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2015. The 2030 Agenda sets out a universal, comprehensive commitment to achieving sustainable development, building on the millennium development goals (MDGs). It comprises 17 global and ambitious SDGs and 169 associated targets, embracing the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

Employment and decent work feature prominently in the agenda and are the

subject of goal eight, which aims to “promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all”. In this context RP3 research has contributed to the debate by proposing indicators to better monitor progress towards employment-related targets. In particular, RP3 researchers have stressed the importance of adequately reflecting the situation of the self-employed in the informal sector, which employs the majority of the workforce in most poorer economies.

On the aforementioned and other important topics, RP3 researchers published numerous articles in renowned periodicals such as the Journal of International Development, Social & Cultural Geography, the Canadian Journal of African Studies, Labour Economics, and the International Labour Review.

As of January 2016, RP3 will be known as Growth and Development in order to better reflect its specific thematic focus.

## DEMYSTIFYING CHINESE BUSINESS STRENGTH IN AFRICA



Independent Chinese entrepreneurs involved in diverse economic activities are increasingly flocking to Africa in search of business opportunities. RP3 research on traders in Senegal and Ghana deconstructs the anti-Chinese attitudes prevalent amongst business people. The main argument is that allegations of Chinese traders

encroachment on the two countries’ urban marketplaces are creative means of sense-making for locals operating in a rapidly changing economic environment. Project period: 2013–2017. Funding: DFG (Priority Programme 1448: Adaption and Creativity in Africa).

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6th Ministerial Meeting of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)

## POWER, NORMS AND GOVERNANCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



Prof. Dr.  
Anja Jetschke

Research Programme 4 (RP4) continued to investigate the impact of regional powers and regionalism on world order through its participation in the Contested World Orders project, which explores the BRICS countries' politics of contestation in international institutions. Preliminary results indicate that the BRICS group's role as a driver of institutional rules changes within key international institutions (e.g. UN Security Council, UN Framework on Climate Change, World Trade Organization, and World Health Organization) is limited. The BRICS countries hold different positions on questions of reform, which are mainly determined by their distinctive institutional positions within international arrangements. New institutions (e.g. the New Development Bank) might be seen as attempts to circumvent the limitations of institutional reforms in Western dominated organisations.

The impact of institutional developments within regional organisations on

other regional organisations was investigated in two research projects. The first results of these projects indicate that the European Union exerts a systematic influence on the institutional design of other regional organisations in the world. Those regional organisations which interact regularly with the European Union also develop more autonomy from their member states. Other research has focused on the quantity and quality of regional organisations' military interventions, examining whether they increase and are legal according to international law. The results show that regional organisations have systematically increased their activities but do not yet challenge the authority of the UN Security Council. While the political and security roles of regional organisations have increased, it is unclear whether this also holds for the area of economics. Here, besides regional organisations, bilateral agreements might undermine multilateralism.

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Several individual projects discussed the norms and ideas underpinning regional powers' foreign policies and their implications for both international relations as a discipline and international political theory. A new reading group on global international relations provides the nucleus of a more systematic critique of Western centric approaches.

Senior members of RP4 regularly met with the head of the Federal Foreign Office (FFO) unit focused on world order issues to discuss key future trends in world developments, their interactions, and how these trends might affect a new world order. An important aim of the meetings was to develop a new format for RP4–FFO interaction that both acknowledges the distinct scientific approach of the GIGA – which aims to base generalisations over longer time horizons and across countries – and meets FFO demands for distinct policy expertise. Both sides emphasised the timeliness and in-

novative character of this innovative approach.

RP4 hosted a number of excellent guest professors in the scope of the Contested World Orders project, such as Clifford Bob (Duquesne University), Diana Tussie (FLACSO Argentina), and Laurence Whitehead (Oxford University). It also co-organised the Changing Asia Conference with its partner institutions IDSA (India), CFAU (China), the University of Virginia (United States), and the University of Otago (New Zealand). Moreover, RP4 members participated at the conferences of the International Studies Association, the American Political Science Association, the European Consortium for Political Research, and the European Studies Association.

On 1 November 2015 Anja Jetschke resigned from her position as head of RP4; Patrick Köllner has taken over on an interim basis. As of January 2016, RP4 will be known as Power and Ideas.

## CONTESTED LEADERSHIP, SECOND PROJECT PHASE (2015–2018)

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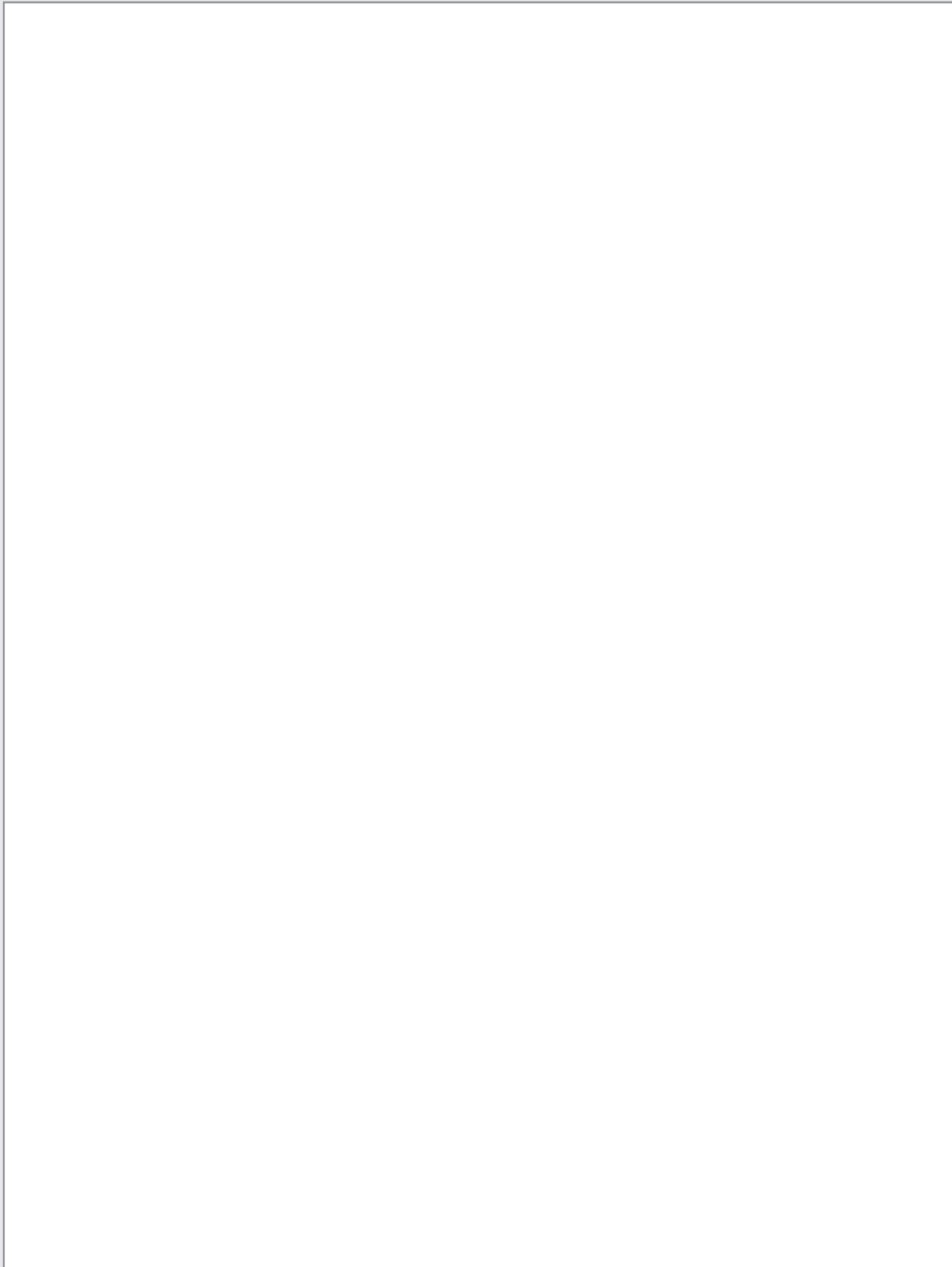


In the first period of the project led by Daniel Flemes, structural, behavioural, and domestic foreign-policy drivers were identified as decisive variables in the development of different contestation types projected by secondary powers. The second project phase

calls on political psychology to account for variation within single case studies. Why does a state choose to follow a rising power for half a decade, then dramatically shift to a position of resistance? Can individual preferences of the foreign-policy elite account for this variation? Project period: 2010–2018. Funding: Volkswagen Foundation.

[www.giga-hamburg.de/en/project/contested-leadership-in-international-relations](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/project/contested-leadership-in-international-relations)

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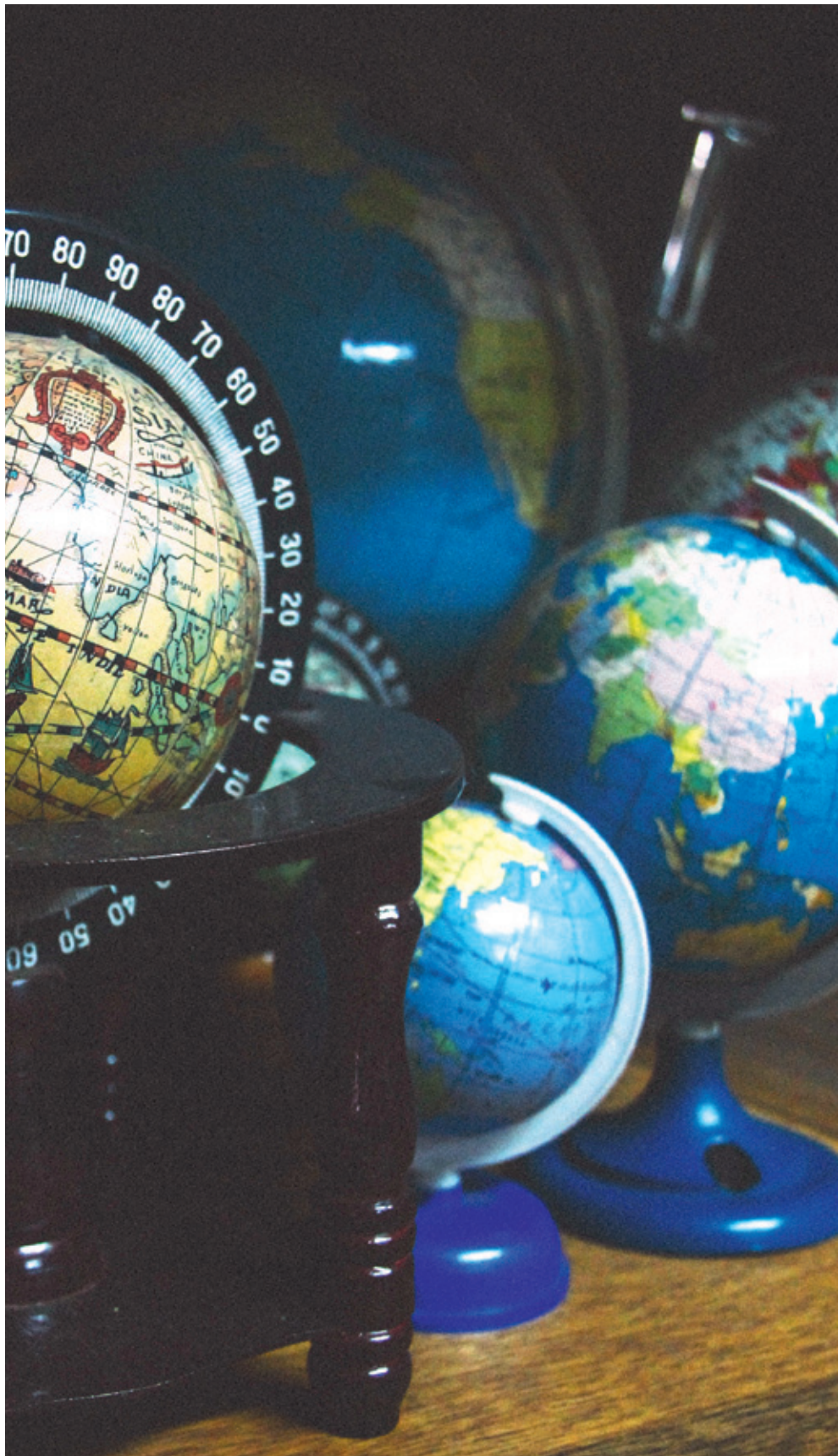
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## INTERNATIONALISATION, YOUNG TALENTS & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

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## INTERNATIONALISATION

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With two new event series that bring the world to Hamburg, and also Research Platforms in the regions that are important nodes in its global network, the GIGA started a fresh chapter of its internationalisation in 2015.

Jagdish Bhagwati gave the inaugural talk of the GIGA Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series. First Mayor Olaf Scholz hosted the event at Hamburg City Hall. Padma Desai and Louis Pauly also graced the lecture series last year. The inaugural GIGA Global Transitions Conference focused on the theme of "Negotiating the Future: Visions of Global Order". This annual conference tackles pressing issues of our time by assembling internationally leading academics and influential practitioners from politics and the media. The aim of both event series is an impactful transfer of research results, stimulating public debate on key global developments, and enhancing Hamburg's international reputation as an intellectual hub of ideas.

Research on and with the world regions has always been a hallmark of the GIGA. Research Platforms in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East now open new avenues for innovative research and the internationalisation of policy advice. The GIGA used the platforms in 2015 to organise events and foster the exchange with its counterparts – excellent local universities and research institutions – and other important stakeholders.

Both sets of these additional activities have been made possible by the continuous and generous support of the GIGA's funders. They complement other internationalisation measures, such as international research networks, staff exchange, international recruiting and training, open access publications, and field-work. Together, these activities and processes aim to bring the best and brightest minds to advance a truly global, context-sensitive, and pluralistic approach to scholarship, and conduct research of real-world relevance and concrete policy implications.

First Mayor of Hamburg Olaf Scholz and Prof. Jagdish Bhagwati at the inaugural edition of the GIGA Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series



## DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

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Dr. Miriam Prys-  
Hansen

The year 2015 was a very successful one for the GIGA Doctoral Programme (DP). In October, it admitted two new fellows (full-time doctoral students) and four new associates (part-time doctoral students working in research projects), resulting in a total of 22 fellows and 25 associates by the end of 2015. Twelve doctoral students completed their dissertations, three with *summa cum laude* and seven with *magna cum laude*.

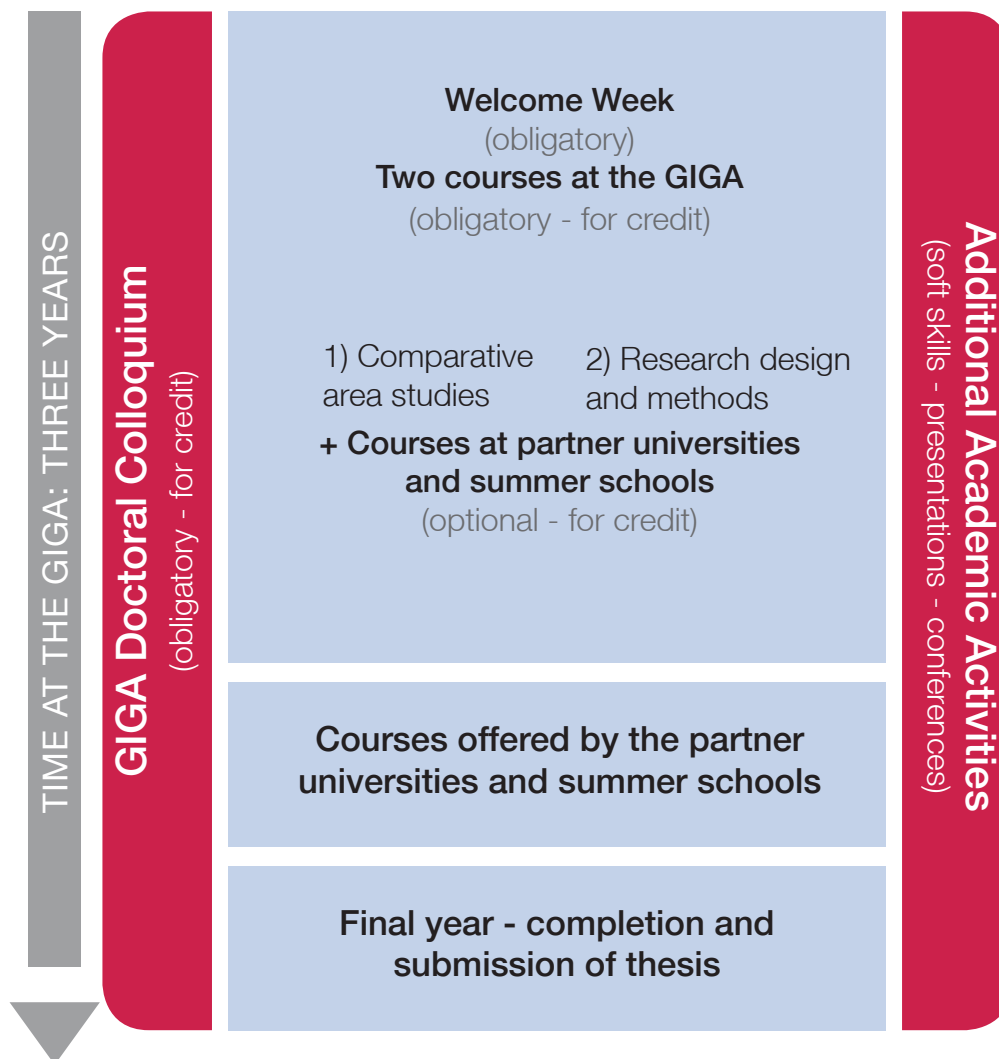
The GIGA graduates received job offers from renowned research institutions (such as the University of Brasília, the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Durham University, and Leuphana University Lüneburg), an outcome which confirms the academic quality and professional relevance of the programme's curriculum.

One of the pillars of the three-year structured programme is the comprehensive course plan taught by experts from around the world. It consists of methodological and theoretical courses as well as

soft-skills seminars, workshops, and master classes. In 2015, the DP welcomed well-known lecturers such as Lauren Wilcox, Nigel Fielding, and Derek Beach. They taught courses on research designs and methods as well as in area and comparative area studies.

As a full partner in the Marie Curie Initial Training Network "Power and Region in a Multipolar Order" (PRIMO), the DP hosted a week-long workshop on qualitative comparative analysis. The DP's participation in the PRIMO Network has fostered its internationalisation and its cooperation with the corporate sector. PRIMO early-stage researcher and GIGA doctoral student Insa Ewert completed an internship at Jaguar Land Rover, a private-sector partner of the PRIMO Network, in late 2015.

The doctoral students are fully integrated into the GIGA's institutional and research life. They participate actively in their respective regional institutes, research programmes, and research teams. The DP



provides opportunities for students to work closely with experienced researchers and to receive close supervision and guidance. This unique research environment has attracted a large number of applications from prospective visiting doctoral researchers, five of whom joined the programme for a period of three to six months.

GIGA doctoral students are also active in peer-to-peer learning and self-administration. In 2015, the student body elected four new representatives to collaborate

with the DP's academic director and co-ordinator as well as other GIGA bodies. The DP focuses all of its efforts and resources on supporting its outstanding body of international doctoral students, their research, and their professional development.



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## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

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The GIGA was ranked 7th from 86 Leibniz institutes with regard to the implementation of equal opportunity standards and has herewith reached the “outstanding” category. We consider this a great motivator to continue on our path. We aim at a comprehensive concept of equal opportunity that applies to all who are part of the GIGA and goes beyond gender equality. The institute’s resolve to internationalise includes tackling the challenges this process brings and a strong commitment to diversity and transcultural awareness. Being an internationally competitive and attractive employer that is committed to research excellence requires us to respect the variety of existing life designs and find individual solutions with flexibility. Family friendliness therefore cannot remain fixed on traditional roles and concepts. A central tool to coming close to this ideal concluded with the year 2015, the institute’s second Equal Opportunity Plan. This four-year strategy identifies concrete goals and

measures to achieve them. After its evaluation it will be renewed with fresh ideas and ambitious objectives.

The institute systematically increased the share of women among researchers and in leadership positions. Following the recommendation by the Leibniz Association, the GIGA has implemented target quotas (to be reached in 2017) for each academic pay-scale and leadership level to be reached within five years. The recipe is made up of successful recruiting and personnel development. It is undertaken through – amongst others – a supportive research infrastructure, an inspiring team of colleagues, global networks with occupation prospects and exchange occasions, agreements to reconcile work and family life, and group as well as personal and individualised training (see also box).

The Equal Opportunity Fund makes available additional means to finance these and other measures. Annual staff appraisal talks help in identifying individ-

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ual strengths and plans for development. As tenure options are limited in research, personnel development is particularly important to enhance GIGA members' chances.

To qualify academics in the unique GIGA approach to scholarship, the institute maintains a successful international doctoral programme and pursues joint junior professorships with partner universities. Furthermore we regularly offer post-doctoral researchers a six-year perspective to advance their academic record. In 2015 the tenure competition process was reformed (effective as of 2016). It increases transparency within institutional career paths and promotes a self-determined career planning for institutionally and third-party funded researchers alike. Besides building academic expertise, the GIGA provides its members with the opportunity to gain experience with leadership roles

and other important central functions to round off their personal profile.

Overall, equal opportunity is a way of thinking; a constant questioning and renegotiation of what we consider a given when it comes to living and working together. It has to become a characteristic that permeates all areas of collaboration within an organisation and lies at the heart of strategic leadership decisions. With good will and a little bit of courage, open-minded institutions like the GIGA may even contribute to societal change and rewarding work lives by providing examples of how to also support less conventional choices. Although for most researchers their stay at the GIGA will only be of limited time, we want to provide a framework that allows them to make the most of this opportunity. We will try to further decrease structural hurdles to help all our members reach their full potential.

## MENTORING: A MODULAR APPROACH

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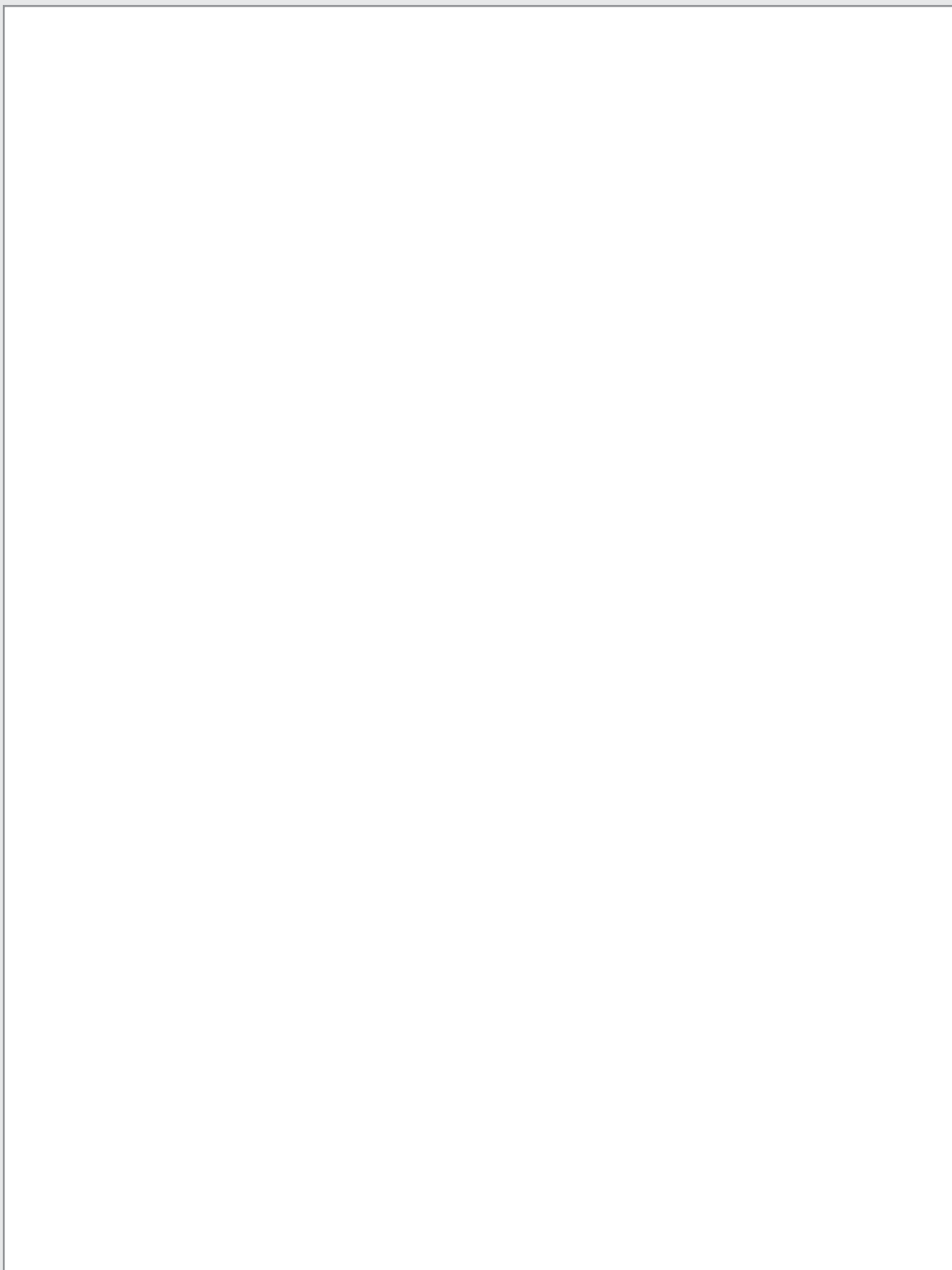


In previous years, the institute had supported female researchers in participating in the Leibniz Association's and the Robert Bosch Foundation's mentoring programmes and will continue to do so. The GIGA decided to additionally offer its own mentoring programme and had a successful trial run in 2015. Based on feedback we will develop the idea further. So far seven academics and one service department

professional had regular meetings with mentors selected by the Female Experts Network based at the University of Hamburg. Three GIGA colleagues joined the team of mentors to provide advice to women of all ages and walks of life.

[www.expertinnen-beratungsnetz.uni-hamburg.de](http://www.expertinnen-beratungsnetz.uni-hamburg.de)

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## TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE



As a member institute of the Leibniz Association, the GIGA follows the Leibniz principle of “*theoria cum praxi*.” This makes research-based knowledge transfer an integral part of all GIGA activities. The GIGA aims to provide decision-makers and other public actors and institutions with information on the political, social, and economic conditions in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East as well as on global issues.

By far the biggest and most important beneficiary of the GIGA’s policy advice activities continues to be the Federal Foreign Office (FFO). As in the past, individual GIGA researchers were assigned to the FFO for several months to directly contribute to the crafting of foreign policy strategies and also provided several individual and collective consultations throughout the year. Other addressees of the GIGA’s knowledge transfer activities at the federal executive level were the Chancellery and, in particular, the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ),

for which the GIGA produced politico-economic short analyses (PÖK) and the Crisis Indicator Catalogue (KIK).

At the federal legislative level GIGA researchers addressed members of the Bundestag. During the Leibniz Association’s annual “Leibniz im Bundestag” event, many parliamentarians once again sought advice from GIGA researchers. The focal point for all GIGA activities in the German capital was its Berlin office (see pages 48 and 49).

The GIGA also increasingly reached out to its international audience. It continued to publish the international edition of the GIGA Focus series, which generally serves as a bridge between the GIGA and its knowledge-transfer recipients: practitioners of politics and public administration, civil society groups, the media, and the general public. Furthermore, in addition to hosting GIGA Forums in Hamburg and GIGA Talks in Berlin, the GIGA introduced two new innovative formats in 2015: the

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GIGA Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series, which offers a broad audience the chance to meet prominent international guests, and the Border Crossers: Foreign Correspondents Connecting with Scholars series (see page 12). A large number

of GIGA researchers also participated in Hamburg's Night of Knowledge. Moreover, GIGA researchers gave numerous interviews to important media outlets, especially with regard to events in the Middle East (see page 47).

## GIGA FORUM

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The GIGA Forum is a panel discussion format that enables GIGA scholars to share their research results and knowledge with the general public. In 2015 the GIGA held six events. Some of these were organised in response to international developments that figured prominently in the Western media but lacked proper scientific analysis. The GIGA Forum in April, for example, discussed the question of whether and to what extent jihadist networks such as the so-called Islamic State, Boko Haram, and al-Qaeda represent a security threat to Europe. The GIGA Forum in September focused on the political background and implications of lifting international sanctions on Cuba and Iran. One of the two October discussions addressed the role of



Prof. Abraham F. Lowenthal from the Brookings Institution at the GIGA Forum

civil society in building and strengthening democracy in Algeria, Mozambique, and Vietnam. The aforementioned GIGA Forums were value-added events in that they covered topics which are the subject of ongoing research by GIGA scholars and thus offered specific insights and recommendations. The second October GIGA Forum and the one held in July were organised in cooperation with renowned international scholars. The former examined authoritarian states' principles and experiences with transition, while the latter questioned the future of global governance and the prospects of a trilateral cooperation between Brazil, India, and Germany.

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## PUBLICATIONS AND WRITTEN ADVISORY SERVICE

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The GIGA has been publishing the GIGA Focus series since 2006. Each GIGA Focus issue offers a succinct analysis of important political, economic, and social developments. In 2015 a total of 34 German-language issues were published in either one of the four regional editions (GIGA Focus Afrika, Asien, Lateinamerika, or Nahost) or GIGA Focus Global. In the GIGA Focus International Edition, ten issues were published in English.

The GIGA Focus series underwent a profound reform process during 2015, both in terms of content and layout; the new format was launched in April 2016.

[www.giga-hamburg.de/giga-focus](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/giga-focus)

## STRATEGIC ANALYSES

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The GIGA provides comprehensive assessments of regions and developments. It produces politico-economic brief analyses and measures crisis indicators for the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The politico-economic short analyses are independent assessments of individual countries produced by

the GIGA on behalf of the BMZ. These reports cover, among other things, the power and conflict patterns of a country in a concise and evaluative manner.

During the annual measurement of crisis indicators, researchers seek to identify indicators for conflict-related developments in all German partner countries in the field of development cooperation. The measurement helps the BMZ to improve its early detection and prevention of crises. The measurement of crisis indicators is an example of successful cooperation between the academic world and politics.

[www.giga-hamburg.de/en/strategic-analyses](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/strategic-analyses)

## GIGA IN THE MEDIA

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The insights of GIGA scholars were highly sought after by the German media, international news magazines, and policy-oriented journals in 2015. Our researchers provided expert analyses for Tagesschau, ZDF heute, Deutschlandfunk, Deutsche Welle, Foreign Affairs Online, and Spiegel Online of – inter alia – Islamic State, the

refugee crisis, international trade, power and powerlessness, and upheavals in Guatemala, Iran, Venezuela, and Myanmar.

GIGA scholars also contributed op-eds to Current History, Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Tagesspiegel, and Zeit Online, amongst others.

In 2015 the GIGA was referred to on more than a thousand occasions, confirming its role as a reliable partner for domestic and foreign journalists and editors seeking in-depth knowledge about sociopolitical and socio-economic developments throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

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Dr. Stephan Rosiny at the ZDF Auslandsjournal

## GIGA NIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE

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"Recalibrating the World" ("Die Neuvermessung der Welt") was the topic of the GIGA's contribution to Hamburg's Night of Knowledge on 7 November. More than 400 guests attended the various lectures, panel discussions, and guided library tours. Some events on the programme attracted so many visitors that they hardly fit into the event venue. This was particularly the case for the presentation on Iran's, Saudi Arabia's, and Turkey's current foreign policy strategies given by IMES researchers Henner Fürtig, André Bank, and Thomas Richter.

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Full house at the GIGA Night of Knowledge



## GIGA BERLIN OFFICE



Prof. Dr.  
Bert Hoffmann

In keeping with the Leibniz Association's motto of *theoria cum praxi*, the GIGA Berlin Office serves as the GIGA's primary forum for knowledge transfer in the German capital. Located right at Checkpoint Charlie, in the heart of Berlin's central district, it is the key hub of GIGA outreach to government institutions and Parliament, Berlin-based NGOs, the media, and the city's academic community.

In 2015 the GIGA's Berlin staff participated in about 100 consultations and talks with representatives from governmental and non-governmental institutions. Together with their Hamburg-based colleagues, they also took part in events jointly organised by the GIGA and the Federal Foreign Office. The GIGA Berlin Office regularly invites decision-makers and civil society actors to its GIGA Talks series, which is used to present GIGA research findings and discuss their practical implications (see list on the next page). Apart from the GIGA Talks, the following events

(panel discussions and conferences) were held in the GIGA Berlin Office:

Brazil: Back to Inequality and Poverty?

Africa: On the Rise or on the Slide?

Green Inclusive Economic Transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Wishful Thinking or Feasible Pathway?

China and India: Common Challenges and Common Strategies of Asia's Rising Powers

With or Without Sanctions? No democracy in Zimbabwe

Fighting Boko Haram - War Crimes and the Nigerian Military

Haiti Five Years after the Earthquake

Latin American Economy: Between Innovation and Stagnation

## GIGA TALK: THE CRISES OF COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

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As Europe became immersed in the refugee crisis, a GIGA Talk titled "The Crises of Countries of Origin: What is the Future for Syria and Eritrea?" examined the effect this crisis was having in the refugees' countries of origin.

André Bank and Nicole Hirt – who have a wealth of experience on the Middle

East and Africa, respectively – highlighted the origins of the refugee crisis and outlined the perspectives for future development in the cases of Syria and Eritrea. The ensuing debate highlighted the differences between the respective refugee movements experienced by these two countries: in Syria millions have been displaced as a result of a multiparty civil war, whereas in Eritrea the government's forced recruitment into the militarised "national service" is driving the young out of the country. It also raised questions about what the German government and NGOs could and should do to improve those countries' human rights situations.

## GIGA TALKS IN 2015

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The Crises in the Refugees' Countries of Origin: Syria and Eritrea

What about the Islamists? Assessing the Consequences of Political Exclusion after the Arab Spring

Civil Society Organisations as Supporters



Speakers at the GIGA Talk "Civil Society Organisations as Supporters of Authoritarian Rule? A Cross-Regional Comparison"

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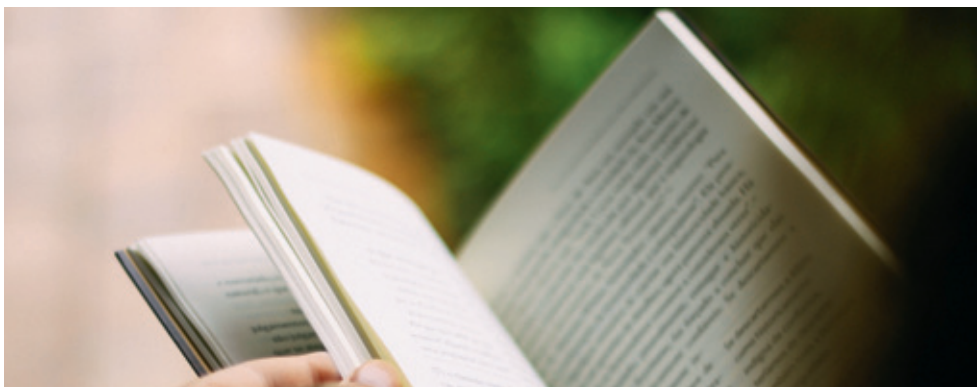
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Nigeria's 2015 Elections: Limiting the Violence



## GIGA INFORMATION CENTRE

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Jan Lüth

The GIGA Information Centre (IZ) is a specialist library that focuses on area and comparative area studies. It collects and makes available literature pertaining to the GIGA's research regions, overarching topics of investigation, and international politics, social science theory, and methodology. The IZ provides GIGA scholars with both information-related services and support in all stages of the research process. Its significance stems from the literature it houses and from its prominence within the larger framework of research information in Germany. The inventory of the IZ is also available for use by external researchers, students, and the general public.

The IZ acquired 1,794 new titles in 2015, bringing the total number of items in its collection to 187,862. Additionally, with 3,721 new electronic full texts, the IZ offers more than 58,200 open access documents.

Networking plays an important role in the work of the IZ. Accordingly, the IZ contributes to the international relations

and area studies section of the German Information Network (FIV). Within the framework of the FIV's World Affairs Online (WAO) database, 12 German research institutes collect bibliographic social science data that cover global and regional developments, foreign and security policy, and social trends. In 2015 the IZ contributed 5,718 new records to the WAO (26 per cent of all new entries).

The data are accessible through the IZ online public access catalogue (OPAC) and, inter alia, the International Relations and Area Studies Gateway (IREON), the Southwest German Library Network, and EBSCO Discovery Systems. The OPAC includes all the resources available at the IZ: books, journals, e-resources, CDs, and DVDs. About 18,600 visitors accessed the OPAC in 26,800 sessions in 2015.

The IZ also takes part in the Electronic Journals Library (EZB) and includes its print journals in the German Union Catalogue of Serials (ZDB). Information on bib-

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liographical and full-text databases such as encyclopaedias, dictionaries, and fact databases are included in the Database Information System (DBIS).

The IZ's digital offerings are complemented by its contributions to the regional virtual libraries cibera, CrossAsia, MENALIB, and ilissAfrica. Serving as one-stop resource centres for the study of specific regions, these portals offer integrated access to relevant conventional and digital information resources. Large databases with links to websites relevant to studies on Africa, Asia, Latin America, or the Middle East supplement these libraries' services.

The IZ also prepares lists of new acquisitions, reading lists, and bibliographies on current topics; these are available online and were downloaded about 268,000 times in 2015. The renowned journal *Politics in Africa, Asia and Latin America* ("Verfassung und Recht in Übersee") pub-

lishes one bibliography compiled by the IZ in each issue.

As part of its open access services, the IZ indexed and deposited all GIGA Focus issues and 35 peer-reviewed articles by GIGA researchers in the Social Science Open Access Repository (SSOAR). This not only ensured long-term preservation, it contributed to the dissemination of GIGA research findings and increased the GIGA's worldwide visibility. GIGA Focus articles were downloaded more than 31,700 times from SSOAR; the deposited articles, 3,600 times. Through SSOAR, full texts are also available in LeibnizOpen, which offers central access to openly available digital publications authored by Leibniz Association researchers.



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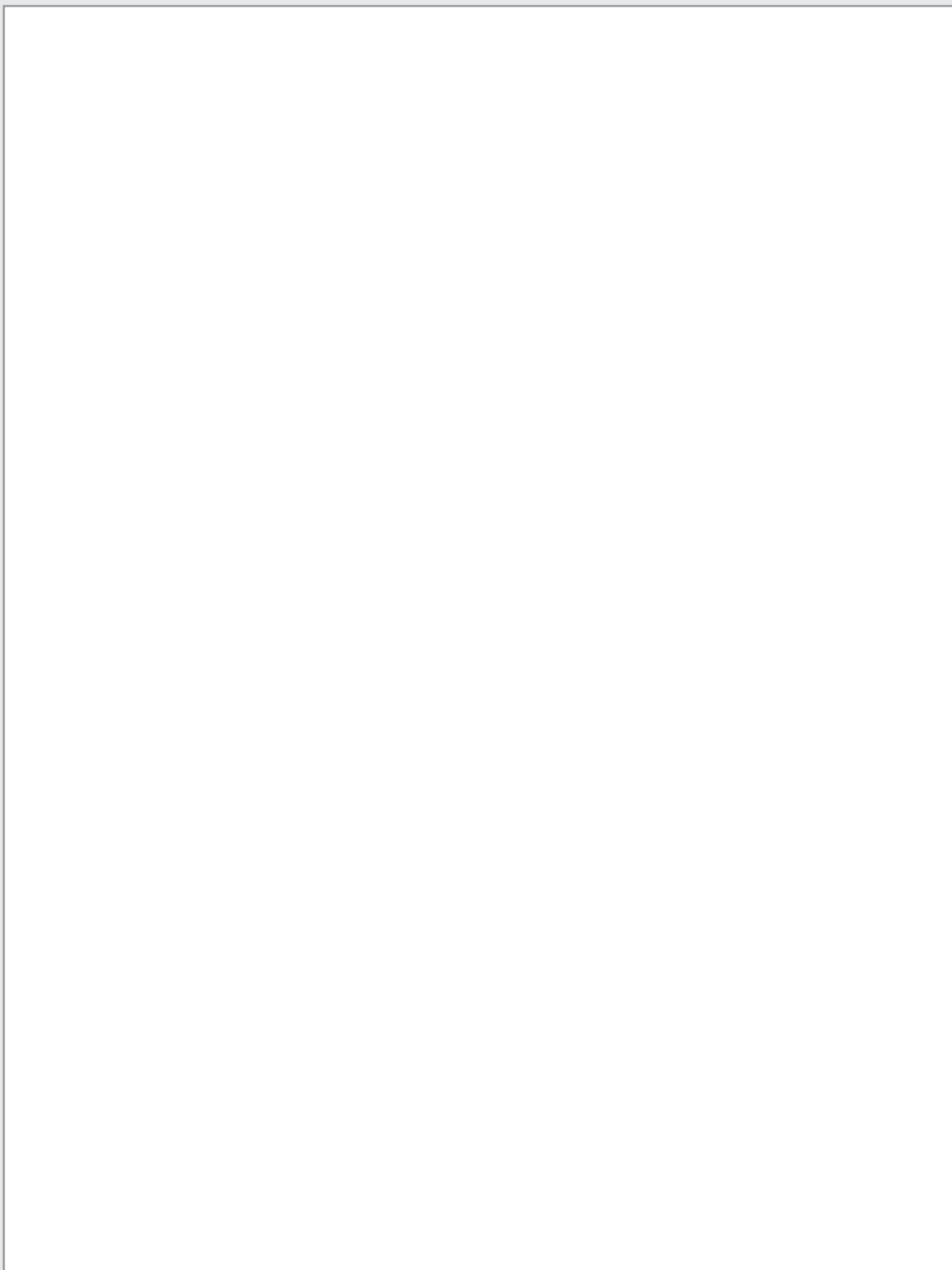


## DISSEMINATING AND ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE



The IZ's open access activities received a positive review in the GIGA's evaluation report. IZ head Jan Lüth gave a lecture on the IZ's open access activities at an open access workshop for multipliers from the Leibniz Association. Given the increasing number of new tasks taken on by the IZ and the

changing environment, there has been an intensification of training. In 2015 IZ staff members received training on a wide spectrum of topics, such as social media, document repositories, archiving and describing digital documents, managing electronic resources, and English for librarians.



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### RESEARCH PROGRAMME I: LEGITIMACY AND EFFICIENCY OF POLITICAL SYSTEMS

**Anti-Corruption Policies Revisited: Global Trends and European Responses to the Challenge of Corruption (ANTICORRP)** (Lead: University of Gothenburg) (Christian von Soest, Thomas Richter, Detlef Nolte)

EC (FP 7) 2012–2017

**Civil Society Organizations as Supporters of Authoritarian Rule? A Cross-Regional Comparison (Vietnam, Algeria, Mozambique)** (Patrick Köllner, Jörg Wischermann, Bettina Bunk, Jasmin Lorch)

DFG, 2013–2016

**desiguALdades.net – Migration and Unequal Citizenship** (Bert Hoffmann, Henio Hoyo)

BMBF, 2014–2016

**Ethnic Voting in Latin America** (Detlef Nolte, Aline-Sophia Hirseland, Almut Schilling-Vacaflor, Oliver Strijbis, Siri Völker)

DFG, 2015–2018

**Empowerment or Alienation? Descriptive Representation and Ethnic Relations in Bolivia** (Anaïd Flesken)

Fritz Thyssen Foundation, 2014–2015

**Ideological Change and Regime Legitimacy in China** (Heike Holbig, Maria Bondes, Sandra Heep)

BMBF, 2010–2016

**International Diffusion and Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes** (André Bank, Julia Grauvogel, Bert Hoffmann, Maria Josua, Thomas Richter, Christian von Soest, Georg Strüver)

Leibniz Competition, 2014–2017

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**Judicial (In)dependence in New Democracies: Courts, Presidents and Legislatures in Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa (Mariana Llanos, Charlotte Heyl, Alexander Stroh, Cordula Tibi Weber)**

Leibniz Competition, 2011–2016

**Political Regimes, Reduction of Poverty and Inequality (part of NOPOOR) (Lead: Institut de Recherche pour le Développement [IRD], France) (Marina Dodlova, Anna Giolbas, Jann Lay)**

EC (FP 7), 2012–2017

**Politics beyond Borders: The New Dynamics of Emigrant Politics and Policies in Latin America (Bert Hoffmann, Luicy Pedroza, Pau Palop)**

DFG, 2014–2016

**The Institutional Presidency in Latin America (Mariana Llanos, Carolina Guerrero, Anne Marie Hoffmann, Detlef Nolte, Cordula Tibi Weber)**

DAAD (PROBRAL), 2014–2016

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## RESEARCH PROGRAMME 2: VIOLENCE AND SECURITY

**A Dangerous Liaison? Ethnicity, Natural Resources and Civil Conflict Onset (Matthias Basedau, Carlo Koos, Annegret Kuhn, Jan Pierskalla)**

DFG, 2012–2016

**Against All Odds – Youth in Post-War Societies (Sabine Kurtenbach, Christoph Heuser, Martin Ostermeier, Janina Pawelz, Isabel Rosales)**

BMZ, 2013–2016

**Explaining Reluctance in International Politics: Rising Powers and Crisis Management (Sandra Destradi)**

Jean Monnet Fellowship, 2014–2017

**Extracting Justice? Exploring the Role of FPIC and Consultation, and Compensation Related to Socio-Environmental Conflicts in Latin America (Lead: Noragric, University of Stockholm) (Almut Schilling-Vacaflor, Miguel Vargas Delgado)**

Norwegian Research Council, 2014–2017

**From Civil War to Social Contract – State Services, Political Trust, and Political Violence (Alexander de Juan, Carlo Koos)**

BMZ, KfW, 2014–2016

**From Quietism to Politics: The Egyptian Salafist Movement from 1970 to 2012 (Henner Fürtig, Justyna Nedza, Annette Ranko, Nikolai Röhl)**

DFG, 2014–2017

**Governing People's Safety in Areas of Extremely Limited Statehood: South Sudan and the Central African Republic (Andreas Mehler, Tim Glawion, Lotje de Vries)**

DFG (CRC 700), 2014–2017

**Ineffective Sanctions? External Sanctions and the Persistence of Autocratic Regimes (Christian von Soest, Matthias Basedau, Julia Grauvogel)**

Fritz Thyssen Foundation, 2011–2016

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**Institutions for Sustainable Peace: Comparing Institutional Options for Divided Societies and Post-Conflict Countries (Nadine Ansorg, Matthias Basedau, Felix Haaß, Sabine Kurtenbach, Andreas Mehler, Julia Strasheim)**

Leibniz Competition, 2012–2016

**Inter-Elite Trust and the Fragility of Transitions: A Comparison between the Party Elites of Tunisia and Egypt (Annette Ranko, Mazen Hassan)**

DAAD, 2014–2016

**Power-Sharing in Multi-Ethnic Societies of the Middle East (Henner Fürtig, Stephan Rosiny)**

Volkswagen Foundation, 2012–2016

**Power-Sharing in Post-Conflict Situations: On the Institutional Prerequisites for Lasting Peace (Andreas Mehler, Martin Ottmann, Johannes Vüllers)**

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**Prior Consultation and Conflict Transformation in Resource Governance: Bolivia and Peru (Almut Schilling-Vacaflor, Ricarda Flemmer, Anna Hujber)**

DSF, BMZ, 2012–2015

**Religion and Conflict: On the Ambivalence of Religious Factors in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East (Matthias Basedau, Georg Strüver, Johannes Vüllers)**

DSF, BMZ, 2008–2018

**Secondary Theatres of War: The Syrian War in Jordan (André Bank, Yazan Doughan)**

DSF, 2015–2017

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BMZ, 2015–2017

**The Local Arenas of Power-Sharing: Patterns of Adaptation or Continued Disorder? (Andreas Mehler, Charlotte Heyl, Franzisca Zanker)**

DFG (PP 1448), 2011–2016

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**The Territorial Dynamics of Colonial State-Building (Alexander de Juan, Jan Pierskalla)**

Gerda Henkel Foundation, 2014–2016

**War Economies and Postwar Crime (Sabine Kurtenbach, Christoph Heuser, Annegret Mähler, Angelika Rettberg)**

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, 2015–2016

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**Analysis of China's Science and Technology Programmes and Strategies (Margot Schüller, Yun Schüler-Zhou)**

BMBF, 2015–2016

**Climate Change Mitigation and Poverty Reduction (CliMiP) – Trade-Offs or Win-Win Situations? (Jann Lay, Miriam Prys, Sebastian Renner)**

Volkswagen Foundation, 2013–2016

**Evaluating Education Policies (Miquel Pellicer)**

EC (FP 7), Economic Research Forum, 2012–2017

**Gender Norms, Labour Supply and Poverty Reduction in Comparative Context: Evidence from Rural India and Bangladesh (Daniel Neff)**

ESCR–DFID, 2014–2016

**Globalisation of Chinese Companies (Margot Schüller, Yun Schüler-Zhou)**

BMBF, 2012–2015

**Landscape-Level Assessment of Ecological and Socio-Economic Functions of Rainforest Transformation Systems in Sumatra (Indonesia) (Jann Lay, Elisabeth Hettig)**

DFG (CRC 990), 2012–2015

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**Long-Term Land Use, Poverty Dynamics and Emission Trade-Offs (Jann Lay, Katharina Trapp)**

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**Micro- and Small Enterprises in Developing Countries: Opportunities and Constraints**  
(Lena Giesbert, Jann Lay, Sarah Linde, Martin Ostermeier, Sebastian Prediger)

BMZ, 2013–2015

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(Lead: IRD/France) (Lena Giesbert, Jann Lay, Daniel Neff, Miquel Pellicer)

EC (FP 7), 2012–2015

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**Socio-Economic Transitions (Erich Gundlach)**

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**The Productivity Effects of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of North–South and South–South Firms: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa (Birte Pfeiffer)**

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DAAD (PROCOL), 2015–2016

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# DOCTORAL TRAINING

## DOCTORATES EARNED IN 2015

Name	Doctoral Thesis	Supervisors
Daniela García	Solar Energy and the Problem of Path Dependency in Costa Rica's Energy System	Wolfgang Hein, Anita Engels
Maren Koß	Islamist Resistance Organizations and Conceptions of Political Order: Comparing Hezbollah and Hamas from 2005 to 2013	Henner Fürtig, Antje Wiener
Malte Gephart	Local embedding of the international and transnational anti-corruption discourse from a post-development perspective: Anti-corruption narratives in Paraguay and Chile	Cord Jakobeit, Aram Ziai
Viola Lucas	The Effects of Autocracies on Governance	Stefan Voigt, Erich Gundlach
Karsten Mau	Essays in International Economics: China's Exports, Economic Growth, and Comparative Advantage	Erich Gundlach, Michael Funke
May Darwich	The Interplay of Ideational and Material Forces in Threat Perception: Saudi and Syrian Choices in Middle East Wars	Juliet Kaarbo, Adham Saouli
Franziska Zanker	The Legitimisation of Peace Negotiations: A Role for Civil Society	Andreas Hasenclever, Andreas Mehler
Nicola Nymalm	From 'Japan Problem' to 'China Threat'? Dissecting the Economic Discourses on Japan (1985–1995) and China (1995–2008) in the United States Congress	Dirk Nabers, Patrick Köllner
Carlo Koos	Ethnic Mobilization in Resource-Abundant African States: Quantitative and Qualitative Analyses of the Role of Ethnic Identity and Natural Resources in Armed Intrastate Conflicts	Andreas Mehler, Michael Brzoska
Maren Wagner	Emergence, Complexity, Discourse: A critical realist approach to institutional dynamics in East Asia	Dirk Nabers, Patrick Köllner
Kerstin Nolte	Large-scale land acquisitions in sub-Saharan Africa: Determinants, processes and actors	Jann Lay, Stephan Klasen
Mariana Carpes	From breadcrumbs to threads of wool: Building a neoclassical realist model for the study of regional powers' nuclear choices	Detlef Nolte, Michael Brzoska

# ENGAGEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

## AREA-SPECIFIC ASSOCIATIONS

Africa–Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS)	Institutional membership
African Studies Association in Germany (Vereinigung für Afrikawissenschaften in Deutschland, VAD)	Hosting of secretariat
CrossArea. Association for Transregional Studies, Comparative Area Studies, and Global Studies (Verband für Transregionale Studien, Vergleichende Area Studies und Global Studies)	Institutional membership
European Alliance for Asian Studies (Asia Alliance)	Patrick Köllner: board member
European Association for Middle Eastern Studies (EURAMES)	Henner Fürtig: council member
Euro–Latin American Network of Governability for Development (Red Euro–Latinoamericana de Gobernabilidad para el Desarrollo, RedGob)	Institutional membership
European Council for Social Research on Latin America (Consejo Europeo de Investigaciones Sociales de América Latina, CEISAL)	Detlef Nolte: vice president
German Association for Asian Studies (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Asienkunde, DGA)	Hosting of secretariat; Karsten Giese: executive board member; Margot Schüller: deputy chair person; Günter Schucher, editor of DGA journal ASIEN
German Association of Latin American Studies (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutsche Lateinamerika-Forschung, ADLAF)	Hosting of secretariat; Detlef Nolte: president
German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient, DAVO)	Institutional membership
Latin American Political Science Association (Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política, ALACIP)	Mariana Llanos: secretary general
World Congress of Middle East Studies (WOCMES)	Henner Fürtig: advisory board member

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## THEMATIC AND DISCIPLINARY ASSOCIATIONS

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European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)	Institutional membership
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)	Institutional membership
German Political Science Association (Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft, DVPW)	Patrick Köllner: co-speaker of working group "Democracy Research"; Tobias Lenz: co-speaker of thematic group "Comparative Regionalism Research"
Other associations such as International Studies Association (ISA), American Political Science Association (APSA), International Political Science Association (IPSA), Verein für Socialpolitik, American Economic Association (AEA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), European Union Studies Association (EUSA), European International Studies Association (EISA)	Individual memberships of GIGA researchers

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT | JANUARY–31 DECEMBER 2015



Dr. Peter Peetz

The GIGA is striving to maintain a high level of third party-funded project grants. In 2015 these funds totalled EUR 3,431,274 and accounted for 29 per cent of total revenues.

The GIGA is thankful for the institutional support provided by the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg (Ministry of Science, Research and Equalities), the other federal states (Länder) and the Federal Republic of Germany (Federal Foreign Office). The GIGA would also like to express its gratitude to all those institutions that have enhanced the GIGA's research activities by granting funding.

### Revenues (in EUR)

1.	Institutional support (federal and Länder )	7,447,000
2.	Third-party funding for projects	3,431,274
3.	Revenues from sales of publications	34,779
4.	Investment income from capital assets	65,615
5.	Amortisation of special items (reversal of accruals, etc.)	705,996
6.	Other operating income	134,289
<b>Total revenues</b>		<b>11,818,953</b>

### Expenses (in EUR)

1.	Staff expenditures	7,602,578
2.	Service expenses; material and operating expenses	2,916,899
3.	Allocation to special items (accruals, etc.)	1,299,476
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>11,818,953</b>

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AEA	American Economic Association	
AEGIS	African-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies	
ALACIP	Latin American Political Science Association	
ANR	French National Research Agency	
ANTI-CORRP	Anti-Corruption Policies Revisited	
APSA	American Political Science Association	
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	
BDI	Federation of German Industries	Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e.V.
BMBF	Federal Ministry of Education and Research	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung
BMZ	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development	Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa	
CAS	Comparative Area Studies	
CCTV	China Central Television	
CEISAL	European Council for Social Research on Latin America	
CELAC	Community of Latin American and Caribbean States	
CERI	Center for International Studies	
CFAU	China Foreign Affairs University	
CGG	Center for Globalization and Governance	
CliMiP	Climate Change Mitigation and Poverty Reduction	
CNRS	National Center for Scientific Research	Nationales Zentrum für wissenschaftliche Forschung
CONACYT	Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología	
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Code	

CrossAsia	Virtual Library East and Southeast Asia	Virtuelle Fachbibliothek Ost- und Südostasien
DAAD	German Academic Exchange Service	Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
DAVO	German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation	Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient
DBIS	Database Information System	Datenbank-Infosystem
DFG	German Research Foundation	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft
DP	Doctoral Programme	
DPIR	Department of Politics and International Relations	
DSF	German Foundation for Peace Research	Deutsche Stiftung Friedensforschung
DVPW	German Association for Political Science	Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft
EADI	European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes	
EC	European Commission	Europäische Kommission
ECPR	European Consortium for Political Research	
EISA	European International Studies Association	
EMA	Euro-Mediterranean-Arab Association e.V.	Euro-Mediterran-Arabischer Länderverein
EU-LAC	European Union–Latin American and Caribbean Foundation	
EURAMES	European Association for Middle Eastern Studies	
EUSA	European Union Studies Association	
EZB	Electronic Journals Library	Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment	
FFO	Federal Foreign Office	Auswärtiges Amt
FIV	German Information Network International Relations and Area Studies	Fachinformationsverbund Internationale Beziehungen und Länderkunde
FLASCO	Latin American Social Sciences Institute	

FOCAC	Forum on China-Africa Cooperation	
FP7	7th Framework Programme (EU)	7. Forschungsrahmenprogramm der EU
FPIC	Free, Prior and Informed Consent	
GIZ		Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
HSFK	Peace Research Institute Frankfurt	Leibniz-Institut Hessische Stiftung Friedens- und Konfliktforschung
IAA	GIGA Institute of African Affairs	GIGA Institut für Afrika-Studien
IAS	GIGA Institute of Asian Studies	GIGA Institut für Asien-Studien
IBSA	India, Brasil, South Africa	
IDCAR	International Diffusion and Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes	
IDSA	Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses	
IFSH	Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg	Institut für Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik an der Universität Hamburg
ILAS	GIGA Institute of Latin American Studies	GIGA Institut für Lateinamerika-Studien
ilissAfrica	Internet Library Sub-Saharan Africa	
IMES	GIGA Institute of Middle East Studies	GIGA Institut für Nahost-Studien
IPSA	International Political Science Association	
IRD	Interactive Research & Development	
IREON	International Relations and Area Studies Gateway	Portal Internationale Beziehungen und Länderkunde
IRS	Leibniz Institute for Social Science-based Spatial Research	Leibniz-Institut für Raumbezogene Sozialforschung
IS	Islamic State	Islamischer Staat
ISA	International Studies Association	
ISAF	International Security Assistance Force	
ISP	Internet service provider	

IZ	GIGA Information Centre	GIGA Informationszentrum
IZA	Institute for the Study of Labor	Forschungsinstitut zur Zukunft der Arbeit
KfW	KfW Development Bank	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau
KIK	Crisis Indicator Catalogue	Krisenindikatoren-Katalog
LAV	Latin American Business Association	Lateinamerika Verein e.V.
LEPI	Permanent Electronic Electoral List	
MDG	Millennium Development Goal	Millenniums-Entwicklungsziel
MENALIB	Virtual Library Middle East / North Africa	Virtuelle Fachbibliothek Vorderer Orient / Nordafrika
MERICS	Mercator Institute for China Studies	
MPSA	Midwest Political Science Association	
NDR	Northern German Broadcasting	Norddeutsche Rundfunk
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation	
NOPOOR	Enhancing Knowledge for Renewed Policies against Poverty	
OPAC	Online public access catalogue	öffentlich zugänglicher Online-Katalog
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment	
PÖK	Politico-economic short analyses	Politökonomische Kurzanalysen
PRIMO	Power and Region in a Multipolar Order	
PRIO	Peace Research Institute Oslo	
PROCOL	Research Funding Programm Columbia	bilaterales Forschungsförderungsprogramm Kolumbien
RCDC	Religion and Conflict in Developing Countries	
RP 1	Research Programme 1: Legitimacy and Efficiency of Political Systems	Forschungsschwerpunkt 1: Legitimität und Effizienz politischer Systeme
RP 2	Research Programme 2: Violence and Security	Forschungsschwerpunkt 2: Gewalt und Sicherheit

RP 3	Research Programme 3: Socio-Economic Development in the Context of Globalisation	Forschungsschwerpunkt 3: Sozioökonomische Entwicklung in der Globalisierung
RP 4	Research Programme 4: Power, Norms and Governance in International Relations	Forschungsschwerpunkt 4: Macht, Normen und Governance in den internationalen Beziehungen
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals	
SOAS	School of Oriental and African Studies	
SSCI	Social Sciences Citation Index	
SSOAR	Social Science Open Access Repository	
UNASUR	Union of South American Nations	
VAD	African Studies Association in Germany	Vereinigung für Afrikawissen- schaften in Deutschland
WAO	World Affairs Online	
WOCMES	World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies	
WTO	World Trade Organisation	Welthandelsorganisation
WZB	Berlin Social Science Center	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung
ZDB	German Union Catalogue of Serials	Zeitschriftendatenbank
ZEF	Center for Development Research	Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung

















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